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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Gerd BARTOSZYK

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For: USE OF SELECTIVE OPIATE RECEPTOR  
MODULATORS IN THE TREATMENT OF  
NEUROPATHY

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1614**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 16, 2008, for which a response is due on March 16, 2009. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.